

# WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS

## Washington May Be World's Capital of Fashion

WASHINGTON.—Plans for the transferring of the dictatorship of the world's fashions from Paris to Washington are under way. The initial movement toward making this city the style center of the universe has been made by the chamber of commerce through negotiations with the American chamber of commerce at the French capital; the proposition is now to enlist the united efforts of merchants in the scheme which might result in magnificent benefits to Washington.

The world war has dealt stunning blows to modistes of France. Coming with a suddenness that was startling, the conflagration that was destined to envelop the greater part of the earth's inhabitants found the Paris firms overstocked. As a precaution for self-protection, these same merchants now are focusing their attention upon the seats of governments in the nations that are not involved in the conflict. In their search they look to Washington, the capital of the foremost neutral country, as the logical place from which to dispense the code that is to govern the fashions during the years to come.

Restrictions in the matter of passports have served to turn back buyers from America who have annually made pilgrimages to Paris. The result is that there is a more restricted supply of foreign fashionable goods here at present than at any other time, when the fall fashions are supposed to be attracting the attention of houses that cater to the elite.

While there is no formal action by which the Capital of Fashion is transferred from city to city or nation, to nation, a favorable answer from the hitherto dictators is all that is considered necessary for Washington to assume the position in the van.

## Society Woman in Washington Has a Pet Jaguar

SOCIETY has explored some of the remotest corners of the world in quest of unique decorations for midday, but Mrs. Hazel Wilson of this city enjoys the happy distinction of being the first member of the national capital's "smart set" to possess a real, live, undomesticated baby jaguar for a chum and companion. To be sure, it is only two months old, and no larger than a big house cat, but it has a formidable array of long, white, sharp teeth encircling its jaws, small, piercing, yellow eyes and a very short temper.

Although Mrs. Wilson and Beauty have been friends only a few weeks the little wild pet seems to take his captivity as a matter of course, and has already made up his mind that Washington society is not such an unpleasant habitat. Beauty is nourished from "the bottle," just as any other baby would be, and if he does not grow up to be a decent, respectable American citizen he can blame his own jungle forbears—and what's more, he has been made to understand that if he displays any of his vicious traits in the presence of "company" his education will cease, his fair companion will desert him, and he will be hurried off to the zoo where less consideration will be shown him.

At his owner's home in the Thomas, Beauty is given the utmost freedom, even to reclining in his mistress' arms to receive the daily manicure and bath, and when he is real nice he is allowed to accompany his benefactress on her morning walks and drives. He showed the greatest delight one day when the "movie man" arrived to chronicle his funny little antics.

At first, in true savage fashion, he tried to intimidate his audience, but when he was told it was quite the proper thing for well-bred Americans to be exploited in the "movies" he growled his approbation and blinked and purred and somersaulted until the camera film was exhausted.

Beauty was captured in the wilds of Brazil before his eyes were open and was sent to Mrs. Wilson by a friend.



## Money Destroyed at Rate of \$5,000,000 a Day

REDEEMED paper money with a nominal value of \$1,541,131,111 in 377,364,188 pieces was destroyed by the treasury department during the fiscal year ended June 30. Officials estimate the notes weighed 590 tons and that about \$5,000,000 worth was destroyed each day.

In 1865 only 70,000,000 pieces of paper money with a nominal value of \$144,219,920 were destroyed. Regulations for the destruction of paper money have recently been codified and revised by the treasury department.

The government first issued paper money in connection with the Civil war finances, and Secretary Chase's regulations were based upon the act of congress of March 17, 1862, authorizing the secretary to prescribe the method of destroying notes unfit for circulation. Although changes in the treasury department's business have resulted in modification of practically every procedure established by the original regulations, Secretary Chase's order had never been abrogated or formally revised. There have been many changes in practice, however, during the intervening years, and many of them are not matters of record.

By Secretary McAdoo's orders these changes are now compiled and brought up to date, with additional modifications as safeguards to meet the conditions of the present day.

In Secretary Chase's time paper money and securities were destroyed by burning. Experience showed that this was not the safest plan in connection with the destruction of distinctive paper, because it is difficult to burn bundles of money, and undestroyed pieces may escape through the chimney. For this reason the act of June 23, 1874, authorized the destruction by maceration.

The destruction of these once valuable bits of paper has always been witnessed by joint committees. This policy is continued in Secretary McAdoo's order.

## Eleven-Cent Stamp Is Now Sold by Uncle Sam

THE issuance of an 11-cent stamp has been authorized by the postmaster general and the post office department is now prepared to supply stamps of this denomination to postmasters. The new stamp will be used chiefly in prepaying postage on parcels and postage and insurance fee on insured parcels amounting to 11 cents.

The local postage rate upon parcel post is 11 cents upon parcels weighing 11 and 13 pounds. In the first and second zones packages weighing seven pounds take 11 cents.

In the fourth zone, 11 cents is required for two-pound parcels, and in the seventh zone for one-pound parcels. The rate in the seventh zone for 11 pounds is \$1.11. Hence it was found that an 11-cent stamp would meet a widespread need and demand. Postmasters desiring a supply of the new stamp may now make requisition for it.

Ordinary stamp issues now embrace denominations from 1 cent to 12 cents, inclusive, and five additional—15 cents, 20 cents, 30 cents, 50 cents and \$1. The 11-cent stamp bears the head of Franklin in profile, from Houdon's bust, and is printed in dark green ink. It is of the same shape and size as the other ordinary stamps.

His Looks Belied Him.—Gentleman (engaging butler)—Are you married?  
Applicant—No, sir. I was thrown against a barbed wire fence and got my face scratched.

The Exact Locality.—"I don't want one of these mind-improving or uplift tours. I want to enjoy a real foolish vacation time."  
"Then why not go to the Scilly Islands?"



## ROOSTER ENDS LIFE AFTER COFFEE DIET

Not Only That but Ten of Tonio's Hens Were Drowned in Rain.

Harwich, Mass.—Gangway! Here comes a wonderful story about some hens that can't sleep nights. Manuel Tonio is the owner. They are brown Leghorns. It seems that Tonio has been feeding scraps from his table to his flock for some time. Lately he has noticed that the flock have been suffering from insomnia and have been crowing at all times of night.

It appears that Tonio has been feeding them, among other things, on coffee grains. Does that not account for it?

One of the roosters of this flock, suffering to such an extent from loss of sleep, ended it all the other day. He had been acting queerly for several days. After running wild for some time he dashed his head against a rock—committed suicide right before his mates!



It is not known what result this will have on the rest of the flock. If anything develops later we will let you know.

P. S.—Ten of Tonio's hens were drowned in the rain.

## COWS FEED ON DYNAMITE

No Explosion Results, But the Meal Proves Fatal and Leaves Owner With Problem.

Columbus, Ind.—Three cows owned by Ben L. Perry, a farmer living three miles north of this city, either committed suicide or else met accidental deaths as the result of eating dynamite.

The dynamite did not explode when they ate it, but it is in their stomachs, and the bodies are being handled carefully for fear of an explosion. Mr. Perry had been blowing up stumps on his farm, and left the dynamite in a box. One of his cows arrived home sick and died in a short time. He called a veterinarian to see two other cows that were sick, and investigation showed they had eaten ten sticks of the explosive. This was five pounds of 40 per cent dynamite, and it proved too much for the cows, as the other two died also.

## TAKES 36 BOTTLES A DAY

Barber's Beer Limit When He Is "Not Drinking Much" and Business Is Brisk.

Muncie, Ind.—When he isn't feeling very well and business is brisk in the shop, Harvey Sheets, proprietor of a barber shop, says he drinks only 36 pint bottles of beer a day. At other times he may take more.

He testified to this on the witness stand in city court, where he was charged with operating a "blind tiger" in his shop. The police had confiscated considerable beer there and had seen many "empties." In response to a question as to how long three cases of beer—the amount taken by the police—would last him, he replied: "Sometimes three days—that is, when I'm not drinking much."

"Are you sure you don't bathe in it?" asked Judge Gregory in acquitting Sheets. The officers could produce no evidence of sales having been made by the barber.

## IS HE CHARMED OR UNLUCKY?

Indiana Man's Experiences Leave Him Undecided as to Which He Is.

Noblesville, Ind.—J. Wesley Williams believes he has either a charmed life or else he is unlucky. Recently while driving a wagon along a country road his vehicle was struck by an automobile driven by John Bert, former county treasurer. Williams was severely hurt about the back and his spring wagon was wrecked.

It has been less than a week since Williams left his home after being laid up for two months on account of injuries received when run over by a dray.

During the last six years Williams has been shot five times. Twice the attending physician regarded his condition as so serious he was not expected to recover.

## 48-Inch Man, 47-Inch Bride.

Hannibal, Mo.—Miss Mary Porter was married to James E. Burton at Holiday, west of Hannibal, recently. Their combined height will not equal eight feet and their total weight is but 147 pounds.

The bride weighs 70 pounds and is 47 inches in height. The bridegroom is one inch taller and weighs seven pounds more.

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## GCT OUT OF HIS DILEMMA

Truly Ice man, as He Remarked to Himself, Had Profited by Night School Education.

Fritz, the ice man, was in a perspiration (for it was the hottest four o'clock in the morning in 11 years), and a dilemma (for he only had one small block of ice left, and there were still ten customers left unserved, each of whom took a ten-cent piece).

"I know!" Fritz cried to himself "I know a way out. I didn't go to night school for nothing!"

And he cut the block into ten tiny pieces and put one piece in front of each of the ten gates.

Then climbing over one of the fences, and filling a bucket full of water, he poured water over each of the tiny ten, so that each was in the middle of a puddle.

Clever Fritz!

"What, you don't? Well, let him explain it himself, then."

"Haw, haw!" chuckled Fritz. "Now when they find the pieces they'll think the ice went and melted on 'em!"

Shortly afterwards ten good housewives opened their gates and got a slant at the tiny ten.

You know the rest if you never had it happen to you.—Detroit Free Press.

Electricity on Farms.

Rural distribution of electric current has made great advances in the last two years. In some communities the farmers have financed local distribution systems, taking current from the nearest cross-country transmission line at one point and retelling it among themselves. In other communities individual farmers find it desirable to pay for lines directly from the power plant to the farm. Other electric companies install the connection and require a yearly minimum use proportionate to the investment in the line extension.

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Patrice—They liked it.

"But they didn't applaud until she was all through!"

"No; that was the part they liked."

The woman who can make up her face successfully is seldom able to make up her mind that way.

## An Echo of Militancy.

Eminent Woman Surgeon who is also an Ardent Suffragist (to wounded guardsman)—Do you know, your face is singularly familiar to me. I've been trying to remember where we've met before.

Guardman—Well, mum, bygones be bygones. I was a police constable.—London Punch.

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# LACK OF HATRED

Fighting Men Have Little Feeling of Enmity.

Soldiers in Opposing Armies in Europe Exhibit Spirit Which Would at First Seem a Little Hard to Comprehend.

Serving his country until wounded by a Cossack's lance at Lemberg, Fritz Kreisler has recorded his experiences as an Austrian lieutenant in a little book. Reaching Lemberg in early September his regiment awaited the Russians, who, he says, were not long in coming.

At last the Russian infantry succeeded in establishing a number of trenches, the one opposite the Austrians being not more than 500 yards away. They were almost within hailing distance and for four days stayed opposite each other, neither side gaining a foot of ground.

After the second day, relates Mr. Kreisler, we had almost grown to know each other. The Russians would laughingly call over to us, and the Austrians would answer. The salient feature of these three days' fighting was the extraordinary lack of hatred. In fact, it is astonishing how little actual hatred exists between fighting men. One fights fiercely and passionately, mass against mass, but as soon as the mass crystallizes itself into human individuals whose features one actually can recognize, hatred almost ceases. Of course, fighting continues, but somehow it loses its fierceness and takes more the form of a sport, each side being eager to get the best of the other. One still shoots at his opponent, but almost regrets when he sees him drop.

By the morning of the third day we knew nearly every member of the opposite trench, the favorite of my men being a giant red-bearded Russian whose constant pastime consisted in jumping like a Jack-in-the-box from the trench, crying over to us as he did so. He was frequently shot at, but never hit. Then he grew bolder, showing himself longer and longer, until finally he jumped out of the trench altogether, shouting to us wildly and waving his cap. His good-humored jollity and bravado appealed to our boys and none of them attempted to shoot at him while he presented such a splendid target.

Finally one of the men, who did not want to be second in bravery, jumped out of the trench and presented himself in the full sunlight. Not one attempt was made to shoot at him either, and these two men began to gesticulate at each other, inviting each other to come nearer. All fighting had suddenly ceased, and both opposing parties were looking on laughing like boys at play. Finally the Russian would draw a step nearer, and our man boldly advanced, too. Then the Russians urged on their man with shouts and laughter, and he would make a big lead forward, and so, step by step, they approached until they nearly touched each other.

They had left their rifles behind and we thought they were going to indulge in a fist fight, all of us being sorry for our champion, for he was a small and insignificant-looking man, who looked as if he could be crushed with one blow by his gigantic opponent. But lo, and behold! The big Russian held out his hand, which held a package of tobacco, and our Austrian grasped the hand of the Russian and then reaching into his pocket produced a long Austrian cigar, which he ceremoniously presented to the Russian. It was, indeed, a funny sight to

see the small, wiry, lean Austrian talking in exaggerated terms of politeness to the blond Russian giant, who listened gravely and attentively, as if he understood every word.

By this time all precautions and even ideas of fighting had been forgotten, and we were surprised to find ourselves out of the shelter of our trenches and fully exposed to the Russians, who, in turn, leaned out of their trenches and showed their heads in full. This unofficial truce had lasted 20 minutes, and succeeded more in restoring good humor and joy of life among our soldiers than a trainload of provisions would have done. It was one of the incidents that helped to relieve the monotony of trench life, and was heartily welcomed by us all.

## Some Refreshment.

Rear Admiral Fletcher during the maneuvers off Newport told a story at a garden party.

"The navy is as abstemious from ethical reasons," he began, "as old Stingee was from miserliness."

"Old Stingee was entertaining a boyhood friend one evening at his shore cottage. After a couple of hours of dry talk, the old fellow said genially:

"Would you like some refreshment—a cooling draft, say—George?"

"Why, yes; I don't care if I do," said George, and he passed his hand across his mouth and brightened up wonderfully.

"Good!" said old Stingee. "I'll just open up this window. There's a fine sea breeze blowing."—Detroit Free Press.

## Pity the Poor Grocer.

A grocer was going over his books in the hope that they would show he was making some profit, when the telephone interrupted him.

"Those strawberries my boy bought at your place—they weren't good, and there were two boxes of them," said a voice over the wire. "Will you make them good?"

"Certainly," said the grocer. "Send them back and I'll give you some that are all right."

"But I can't do that," the voice exclaimed.

"You can't? Why not?"

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## Stable Politeness.

Flatbush—I see cow barns are models of cleanliness in Holland. Some farmers place mats before the doors and visitors must wipe their feet before entering."

Bensonhurst—Wipe their hoofs, you mean, don't you?"

## Tired of Him.

He—I always pay as I go.

She (yawning)—I don't think you'll ever become bankrupt.—Judge.

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